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Notice of Lifting of Suspension Date:

TO: { Directors Of Field Operations, Port Directors }

FROM: { Director AD/CVD & Revenue Policy & Programs }

RE: FINAL DETERMINATION ON CERTAIN CARBON STEEL BUTT-WELD PIPE FITTINGS FROM FRANCE (A-427-813)

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TO: REGIONAL DIRECTORS, COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS DISTRICT DIRECTORS, AREA AND PORT DIRECTORS

FROM: DIRECTOR, TRADE COMPLIANCE DIVISION

RE: FINAL DETERMINATION ON CERTAIN CARBON STEEL BUTT-WELD PIPE FITTINGS FROM FRANCE (A-427-813)

- 1. THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER ON FEBRUARY 27, 1995, NOTICE OF ITS FINAL DETERMINATION OF SALES AT LESS THAN FAIR VALUE OF CERTAIN CARBON STEEL BUTT-WELD PIPE FITTINGS FROM FRANCE.
- 2. THE PRODUCTS COVERED BY THIS INVESTIGATION ARE CERTAIN CARBON STEEL BUTT-WELD PIPE FITTINGS ("PIPE FITTINGS") HAVING AN INSIDE DIAMETER OF LESS THAN FOURTEEN INCHES (355 MILLIMETERS), IMPORTED IN EITHER FINISHED OR UNFINISHED CONDITION. PIPE FITTINGS ARE

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FORMED OR FORGED STEEL PRODUCTS USED TO JOIN PIPE SECTIONS IN PIPING SYSTEMS WHERE CONDITIONS REQUIRE PERMANENT, WELDED CONNECTIONS, AS DISTINGUISHED FROM FITTINGS BASED ON OTHER METHODS OF FASTENING (E.G., THREADED, GROOVED, OR BOLTED FITTINGS). BUTT-WELD PIPE FITTINGS COME IN A VARIETY OF SHAPES WHICH INCLUDE "ELBOWS", "TEES", "CAPS", AND "REDUCERS". THE FITTING IS PLACED AGAINST THE END OF A PIPE (THE ENDS OF WHICH HAVE ALSO BEEN BEVELED). A SHALLOW CHANNEL IS CREATED TO ACCOMMODATE THE "BEAD" OF THE WELD WHICH JOINS THE FITTING TO THE PIPE. THESE FITTINGS ARE CURRENTLY CLASSIFIABLE UNDER SUBHEADING 7307.93.3000 OF THE TARIFF SCHEDULE OF THE UNITED STATES (HTSUS).

ALTHOUGH THE HTSUS SUBHEADING IS PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE AND CUSTOMS PURPOSES, OUR WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THIS PROCEEDING IS DISPOSITIVE.

- 3. FOR FURTHER REPORTING PURPOSES THIS CASE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION NUMBER: (A-427-813).
- 4. THE U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE SHALL CONTINUE TO SUSPEND LIQUIDATION OF ALL ENTRY SUMMARIES OF CERTAIN CARBON STEEL BUTT-WELD PIPE FITTINGS FROM FRANCE WHICH ARE ENTERED OR WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE, FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 4, 1994. EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 27, 1995, CUSTOMS SHALL REQUIRE FOR SUCH ENTRY SUMMARIES A CASH DEPOSIT OR THE POSTING OF A BOND EQUAL TO THE MARGINS SHOWN BELOW:

MANUFACTURER/PRODUCERS/ CUSTOMS ID MARGIN EXPORTERS NUMBER PERCENT

INTERFIT A-427-813-001 32.58%

ALL OTHERS A-427-813-000 32.58%

5. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS, PLEASE CONTACT VIA E-MAIL, THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE SUPERVISORY CHANNELS, THE TECHNICAL PROGRAM DIVISION, ANTIDUMPING/COUNTERVAILING DUTY BRANCH, USING ATTRIBUTE "HQ OAB".

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THE IMPORTING PUBLIC AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD CONTACT PENELOPE NAAS, OR GARY BETTGER, OFFICE OF COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATIONS, IMPORT ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCEAT (202) 482-3534 AND (202) 482-2239, RESPECTIVELY.

6. THERE IS NO RESTRICTIONS ON THE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION.

NANCY MCTIERNAN

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## **Company Details**

\*Party Indicator Value:

I = Importer, M = Manufacturer, E = Exporter, S = Sold To Party